



EuroNGOs

The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development



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Welcome to EuroNGOs

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Maternal mortality continues to be the leading cause of death among women and girls of reproductive age. Every minute, one woman dies during pregnancy or birth because she did not receive adequate care and prompt treatment. Every day, 14,000 people are newly infected by HIV. Most of these tragedies happen in the low-income countries. Virtually all of them could have been prevented. However, sexual and reproductive health face enormous challenges. Millions of people, especially women, are prevented from exercising their sexual and reproductive rights.

The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs) seek to translate the commitments of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) into international cooperative programmes in the field of sexual and reproductive health in low-income countries.

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Bachelet Outlines Action Plan for UN Women

enhancing implementation of international accords by national partners; backing intergovernmental processes to strengthen the global framework on gender equality; advocating gender equality and women's empowerment; promoting coherence with the UN on the issues; and acting as a global broker of knowledge and experience. The agency is set to be formally launched on 24th February and is expected to receive a large boost in funding.

For more information about the action plan, click [here](#).

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Focus on Europe

International Day Against FGM: EU Reaffirms its Commitment to Eradication

The International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was marked on 6th February. The European Union used the opportunity to condemn the practice in a statement from EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and European Commission Vice President, Viviane Reding, arguing that it *"violates women's and girls' rights to equal opportunities, health, freedom from violence, injury, abuse, torture and cruel or inhuman and degrading treatment."* The EU further vowed to promote measures that will lead to the eradication of FGM, fighting against gender-based violence both within and outside the EU.

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Beyond Europe

IPPF Announces Fund to Commemorate David Kato

Last year, David's pictures was published by a [Ugandan anti-gay newspaper](#) next to the words "Hang Them" (them referring to homosexuals). Albeit the fact that his slaying comes after a year of stepped up threats against gays in Uganda, where a controversial bill

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has proposed the death penalty for some homosexual acts, first official statements by the police shortly after the killing suggested that his sexual orientation had nothing to do with the killing and that one "robber" had been arrested.

The new fund, planned to be established together with other partners who are committed to eliminating violence, stigma and discrimination, will recognise the leadership of individuals who uphold the sexual rights of minority groups.

For more information on the fund, click [here](#).

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The EuroNGOs Work Plan 2011

The activities, projects and initiatives outlined in the work plan are open to all members, and most of them also to EuroNGOs partner's organizations. Those not yet involved in one or more of the running activities/task forces/projects are invited to contact the [EuroNGOs secretariat](#) for further information on how to get involved. The work plan can be accessed at the [EuroNGOs website](#).

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